



MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



Montana Main Street Program Grants Awarded to 9 Communities to Help Revitalize, Strengthen Downtowns

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HELENA, Mont. – Nine Montana communities will share \$100,000 in grants through the Montana Department of Commerce’s Montana Main Street Program, to support downtown revitalization and economic development projects.

“Montanans cherish our charming, vibrant downtowns and visitors seek them out,” Commerce Director Pam Haxby-Cote said, **“These small grants go a long way in assisting communities with strengthening and preserving historic downtowns with an eye toward the future.”**

The following communities have received Montana Main Street Program awards:

- **City of Boulder:** \$20,000 for a Downtown Master Plan that harnesses community revitalization momentum with strategic vision and development projects.
- **Butte-Silver Bow County:** \$11,000 for a Hotel Finlen preliminary architectural report, an essential step toward successful rehabilitation.
- **City of Dillon:** \$12,500 for a Streetscape Design Plan that will develop a walkable downtown Dillon and support local economic vitality.
- **City of Glasgow:** \$15,000 for a Wayfinding Plan that better directs the flow of downtown pedestrians and tourists.
- **City of Great Falls:** \$8,000 for phase II of the Pedlet Placemaking Project that develops outdoor seating and supports the growth of local downtown business.
- **City of Kalispell:** \$10,000 for the Kalispell Trail Economic Development & Design Plan, a component of the larger rail corridor redevelopment and revitalization Core Area Plan.
- **City of Lewistown:** \$10,000 for the Creekside Marketplace Project, creating accessible greenspace and commercial development on Main Street.
- **City of Shelby:** \$3,500 for a Historic Preservation Plan, that prioritizes preservation, rehab, and local historic development incentives.
- **City of Stevensville:** \$10,000 for a Downtown Master Plan, River Park Site Plan and a Market Analysis that organize local development opportunities, local business growth, and community facilities.

Montana's Main Street Program is recognized as a national leader in the development and revitalization of community downtowns. The program was established in 2005 and currently serves 27 communities across the state, combining Department of Commerce goals of creating and maintaining vibrant and charming Montana communities. The program offers technical assistance and expertise to all Montana communities and awards competitive grant funding to member communities actively working on downtown revitalization, economic development and historic preservation.

For more information, visit our website at comdev.mt.gov/programs/mainstreet.